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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY W. KANAWI, PNG NATIONAL
INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. SUMMARY: MR. KANAWI WILL BE IN NEW YORK WITH THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA CULTURAL EXHIBIT AND INVESTMENT NIGHT. EMBOFF AND RSA SUGGESTED VISIT TO WASHINGTON FUNDED UNDER SEC.661 TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE USG PERSONNEL TO BETTER ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH WAYS IN WHICH REIMBURSABLE SERVICES PROGRAM CAN BENEFIT PNG, AND TO DISCUSS WAYS TO PROMOTE U.S. INVESTMENT IN PNG. THIS CABLE IS FOR INFO ONLY. SEPTTEL WILL SPELL OUT SPECIFICS. END SUMMARY.

2. MR. KANAWI OF THE PNG NATIONAL INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL BE VISITING NEW YORK WITH THE PNG CULTURAL EXHIBIT AND INVESTMENT NIGHT. HE HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DISCUSSING ENCOURAGEMENT OF U.S. INVESTMENT NOTING THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE FAMILIAR WITH AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE, BUT THAT NOT ACQUAINTED WITH U.S. BUSINESS PRACTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

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3. KANAWI AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND ALSO REGULATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT. THEY HAVE PLACED PRIORITY ON FORESTRY, MINERALS AND MINING, ENERGY, FISHERIES AND AGROBUSINESS. BECAUSE PAPUA NEW GUINEA IS IN THE FORMATIVE STAGES OF ITS INVESTMENT POLICY, THAT IN ITSELF IS AN ISSUE WHICH KANAWI AND COLLEAGUES WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

4. RSA PROPOSED THAT KANAWI AND ONE OR TWO INTERESTED COLLEAGUES PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT END OF THEIR NEW YORK SOJOURN FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS OF SPECIAL BRIEFING AND SEMINARS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR PERSONNEL DEALING COMPREHENSIVELY WITH U.S. CAPABILITIES IN EACH OF THE ABOVE AREAS, NOT TO OVERLOOK OUR POSSIBLE ADVISORY INPUT ON INVESTMENT POLICY PER SE.

5. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL NEW YORK WASHINGTON SHOULD FIT INTO KANAWI'S ORIGINAL TICKET, URGE PICK UP OUT OF 661 IF FOR SOME REASON THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. SAME APPLIES TO PER DIEM. THIS STRIKES US AS OPPORTUNITY FOR RDP, OPIC, STATE AND OTHER INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE PITCH TO RECEPTIVE PARTY FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY WITH EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
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